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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT

1. SUMMARY: GOC REQUESTS AGREEMENT FOR CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO OAS, MANUEL TRUCCO, TO SUCCEED GENERAL WALTER HEITMANN, AND HOPES FOR PROMPT APPROVAL. END SUMMARY.

2. LATE MARCH 20, FONOFF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SILVA FORMALLY REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR CHILEAN OAS AMBASSADOR MANUEL TRUCCO TO REPLACE GENERAL WALTER HEITMANN AS AMBASSADOR TO US. HE SAID HEITMANN'S TOUR OF DUTY WOULD END ON MARCH 31. SILVA ADDED THAT IN VIEW OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE OF ITS RELATIONS WITH US, GOC VERY MUCH HOPED TO AVOID A PROLONGED GAP, AND THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ACTION COULD BE TAKEN JUST AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE ON THE REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT.

3. SILVA GAVE AMBASSADOR BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET ON AMB TRUCCO, WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO DEPT (COPY POUCHED ARA). TRUCCO SERVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, 1944 TO 1946; WAS ACTIVE IN RADICAL PARTY POLITICS IN CHILE DURING THE 1946 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AND AT TIMES THEREAFTER; SERVED AS CHILEAN UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FROM 1946 TO 1952; WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHILEAN DELEGATION TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FIVE TIMES BETWEEN 1947 AND 1962; WAS AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA BETWEEN 1959 AND 1962, AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS BETWEEN 1962 AND 1964, SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT OF CIAP FROM 1965 TO 1974, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND IS CURRENTLY CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS.

4. I KNOW TRUCCO PERSONALLY AS AN ABLE AND FRIENDLY
DIPLOMAT. HOPE I MAY RECEIVE A PROMPT REPLY TO GOC'S REQUEST
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